

# The Northwest Airlifter

McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

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## McChord Today



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McChord was selected to be home to one of Washington's Millennium Trees. The Child Development Center was chosen as the site to plant the tree. See Page 3 for the story.

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*"I remember sitting out here watching them cut the tails off the 124s."*

— Bill Dombo, retired Air Force pilot



Tech. Sgt. Tonya L. Keebaugh

Members of the 62nd Troop Carrier Wing Association held their bi-annual reunion in Fife, Wash., and toured McChord.

## Troop carrier airmen return, remember

By Tech. Sgt. TONYA L. KEEBAUGH  
Northwest Airlifter editor

"That's where the 8th and the 4th Airlift Squadrons used to be," said Bill Dombo, retired Air Force pilot, as he pointed at the 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron building across from the main exchange. "They said they couldn't put windows in the building when we were there, but obviously the civil engineers figured out a way to do it."

Dombo was among the 120 members of the 62nd Troop Carrier Wing Association members who returned to McChord Saturday to visit the base and talk about the way things used to be.

They were shown around base, looked inside the 4th and 8th Airlift Squadrons, visited the museum and climbed aboard some of McChord's aircraft.

They were impressed with the museum, which contained many pictures and stories from when they were as-

signed to the wing.

"I brought the first C-124 to McChord from Long Beach," said retired Col. W.C. Southers, who also flew more than 190 missions during the Berlin Airlift.

Another man had some more history to add.

Retired Col. James S. Liptak flew some of the first polar missions from McChord, and he has a mountain in the Antarctic named after him to prove it.

"The scientist on the pole submitted the names of about 20 of us who flew those missions to have mountains and glaciers named for us," said Liptak, whose mountain is 10,400-feet high. "I didn't know about it until I got a letter from the Department of the Interior that said the names had been accepted."

Although not all the men had a mountain named for them, they all had a lot of memories to share during their visit.

Retired Col. A.W. Stone was as-

signed to the 8th Airlift Squadron in November, 1947, when his son was born at Madigan Army Medical Center. His son later joined the Air Force, and his first assignment was with the 8th Airlift Squadron in 1966.

"That's a pretty neat coincidence," said Stone.

Another coincidence was the visit to the museum's C-124 on the flightline, which many of them had flown.

"They called this plane 'old shakey,'" said Stone. "It's pretty easy to tell why once you're inside."

The plane looks like an old Willis Jeep sitting next to a Ford Expedition on the airfield full of C-141s and C-17s.

Many of the men had flown in the C-141 Starlifter also and were stationed here when the transition from the C-124 to the C-141 took place.

"I remember sitting out here watching them cut the tails off the 124s,"

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## Operations Group commander excited about future of McChord

By Staff Sgt. A.C. EGGMAN  
62nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Opportunity is the word on the lips of the new 62nd Operations Group Commander.

Since his arrival and change of command July 27, Col. Darren W. McDew has been impressed with the people assigned here and expects to keep McChord's track record of excellence.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to work with such a talented group," McDew said. "I've been extremely impressed."

While the new commander has been impressed with his welcome and the people he has met, he still sees many opportunities to embrace and welcome future change.

"I'm going to be an agent for change," said the colonel. "Change is not something to be resisted. It is just another opportunity for growth. If you look at it that way, we shouldn't be afraid of change, we should embrace it."

While embracing the changes McChord will face

over the next few years, the Illinois native intends to foster an atmosphere that provides an opportunity for the younger airmen to help improve the wing and the 62nd Operations Group.

"It's our young NCOs, airmen and officers that have brand new, innovative ideas that are going to help us solve the things we haven't even thought of yet," he said.

Some of those changes come in the form of challenges, said the colonel. The biggest challenge will be transitioning from the C-141 to the C-17 safely.

"We need to take care of the folks in the C-141 community as they leave McChord," McDew said. "We also need to bring on the new weapons system and all the people who come with it the right way."

McDew sees the operations community getting busier during the transition.

"The biggest thing the group will have to come to grips with in the short term, is realizing the C-17 doesn't have near the amount of positions as the

C-141," said the colonel. "What that means is there won't be as many people around to do a lot of things that we are used to having them do."

McDew also pointed out how important it is to "take care of the people who are still the backbone of this wing," he said.

"This is still a C-141 wing and will be for some time to come," McDew said. "I really want to look at it as an airlift wing. We have an airlift mission. We just happen to have two weapon systems to take care of that mission."

The 18-year veteran said his distinctive background gives him a unique vision for the future. His prior duties range from flying a KC-135 refueler to working at the Pentagon.

During his tenure at the Pentagon, he served in personnel before being selected to serve in the Chief

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# Frontline supervisor: *Air Force's most important link*

Col. PAUL SELVA  
62nd Airlift Wing commander

This week I would like to highlight one of the most important components in the chain of command – our frontline supervisors. Professional NCOs are the foundation of our success. Every day, each of you contribute immeasurably to accomplishing our mission, whether its encouraging airmen to study for promotion, conducting technical training, discouraging inappropriate behavior, or setting a sharp, professional example, you have more influence over our airmen than any other person in the organization. You spend more time with our airmen than commanders, first sergeants and chiefs combined.

You don't have to look far to realize that today's Air Force is blessed with some of the most talented airmen in our history. I see exceptional airmen here at McChord every day. The young men and women who make up our first-term enlisted force are among the most educated and gifted airmen ever to join our service. We owe them the best leadership and supervision we can provide. It is our job to teach them how to be professional airmen.

The responsibility for the training, the supervision and the professional development of our airmen falls squarely on the shoulders of frontline supervisors. You interact with

airmen every day. Your example sets the tone for their opinions about your shop, your unit, our wing and the Air Force. Frontline supervisors have the most important job in our Air Force ... training tomorrow's leaders. Let me borrow from an article by Chief Master Sgt. Lew Moore, command chief master sergeant at MacDill AFB, Fla. He wrote ...

*For the most part, airmen respond to the direction of unit leadership based on their sense of discipline, responsibility and the fear of consequences for failure to do so. On the other hand, they respond to the direction of the frontline supervisor out of sheer respect and admiration.*

*Airmen can identify with the frontline supervisor; they can see themselves as a technical or staff sergeant in years to come. Being the frontline supervisor is within their short-term grasp. This is why the frontline supervisor is the most vital link and must realize his or her importance to the team.*

*As a frontline supervisor, you must be ready to step up. Realize that your every move is being watched by the most impressionable people in the Air Force — our airmen. Understand that you can tell the airmen anything you want to, point them in any direction you wish, but never forget they will say and do what they see you say and do, no matter*

*what you tell them.*

*If you come to work in a wrinkled uniform and boots not shined, so will your airmen. If the chief points out that you need a haircut, then your airmen probably need haircuts, too. If you are not emphasizing the stupidity of drinking and driving, then it won't be important to your airmen. You must be involved in every aspect of your troop's life, yes, every facet. If I haven't convinced you that the frontline supervisor is our most vital link, then chew on this parallel:*

*Our children spend an average of 35 to 40 hours a week with an educator we know very little about. Each of us send our children off to school every day praying the teachers are prepared, equipped and care enough to develop our little ones. Now, think how America has sent you her children. They spend 50 to 60 hours a week under your direct*

*supervision. She is constantly praying that you are prepared, equipped and care enough to develop her little ones. You are our most vital link!*

The Chief is right on the mark, frontline supervisors are the most vital link in our chain of command. You train, supervisor and lead our airmen every day.



## Action Line

The Action Line is an integral part of the base feedback network. It is one avenue to help make McChord a better place to live, work and play. Use the chain of command to address your concerns first — coordinate with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers before calling to the Action Line. The following numbers are provided for your convenience:

AAFES	582-9451
Finance	984-5969
CES	984-2294
Commissary	984-3285 ext. 15
Security Forces	984-5277
Services Squadron	984-3541
Inspector General	984-5444
Fraud, Waste & Abuse	984-5481

If you are not satisfied with the response, or you are unable to resolve the problem or concern, call the Action Line at 984-2222. Calls will be recorded and staffed through the proper agency. Be sure to leave your name and telephone number in case we need to contact you for more information to correctly address your concern.

## Leaders<sub>on</sub> leadership

Retired Gen. Colin Powell said, "The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them.

They have either lost confidence that you can help them or concluded that you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership.

If this were a litmus test, the majority of CEOs would fail.

One, they build so many barriers to upward communication that the very idea of someone lower in the hier-

archy looking up to the leader for help is ludicrous.

Two, the corporate culture they foster often defines asking for help as weakness or failure, so people cover up their gaps, and the organization suffers accordingly.

Real leaders make themselves accessible and available.

They show concern for the efforts and challenges faced by underlings, even as they demand high standards. Accordingly, they are more likely to create an environment where problem analysis replaces blame."

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# News

## Reunion group tours base, recalls old times

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said Dombo. “It was really sad. The planes grow their own personalities and become your friend — your comrade.”

The men share some of the pain that the men and women of McChord are experiencing now as they slowly say farewell to the C-141s to make room for the C-17 Globemaster III.

But they were still excited to get a look at the Air Force’s newest cargo jet sitting on the line.

Tail number 64 was delivered to McChord Aug. 11. The reunion group got a look at the jet which had less than eight hours flying time on it.

Many of the men darted towards the new jet like a child would to a new toy. But some stayed behind to share their memories on the C-141.

“It’s got new colors in the cockpit and sheepskin seat covers,” noted Dombo, of the C-141.

The C-17, on the other hand, has a new everything — even the scent.

“It smelled like a new car,” said John Powell.

After their flightline tour, the men and women strolled through Memorial Park looking for familiar names.

The trip to McChord was in conjunction with their biannual reunion, which was held at Fife, Wash.

To learn more about the 62nd Troop Carrier Wing Association, write to 706 Pine St., Steilacoom, Wash., 98388-3100.

## Tree dedicated to children



Charles W. Ashbaugh

Children from the Child Development Center dedicated McChord’s Millenium Tree July 28.

The Child Development Center dedicated McChord’s Millennium Tree to all the young children of the new millennium.

The children were joined in celebration by Col. Darrell Jones, 62nd Support Group commander, their parents and the CDC staff July 28.

The Millennium Tree, a Western Red cedar, will grow to more than 100 ft. high during the span of the 21st Century.

It was a gift from the state of Washington as part of the “Trees for the 21st Century” program.

The program is a combined effort of the state Department of Natural Resources, Washington Community Forestry Council, Washington Arbor Day Council, and the U.S.D.A. Forest Service.

Every community in Washington received one tree of cultural or historical significance to commemorate the new millennium.

The goal of the Trees for the 21st Century program is to encourage people to appreciate and protect trees.

Washington is losing its urban trees at a rapid rate, especially near cities. Puget Sound has lost nearly 40 percent of its tree cover since 1972.

People may not notice the loss one tree at a time, but as hard surfaces and cleared ground continue to replace trees, the state’s water and air quality and wildlife suffer.

McChord’s Natural Resources Program Manager Cheryl Dunning manages McChord’s urban forest. “The most appropriate home for the Millennium Tree is the McChord Child Development Center,” she said.

This reflects McChord’s commitment to future generations and to preserving the urban forest.

The tree was planted by Arborscan Tree Conservation Company, Inc., who donated their time to ensure the tree will leave a legacy of the commitment McChord has to the environment for generations to come.

Courtesy of the Child Development Center Staff

## From Pentagon to coat, tie to here

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Air Force photo

Col. Darren McDew flies as copilot aboard a C-17A Globemaster III while it is being refueled by a KC-135R.

bring back the best, relevant practices to the Department of Defense,” McDew said. “But I missed the camaraderie. Corporate America has some things going for them, but there’s a bond among people who have decided to make this sacrifice.”

Growing up in a military family and becoming a career-officer, McDew knows about sacrifices and sees the Air Expeditionary Force concept as a step in the right direction to help reduce some of those sacrifices, especially in the area of family.

“Anytime you can tell your family when you know you’re going to deploy, it’s a good thing,” he said. “That level of stability will go a long way in providing a better way of life.”

Married, with a 14-year-old daughter, the colonel credits his family for his successes and is committed to making all family members’ lives better.

“There’s not one of us who serves in a blue suit that can do what we do without the support from the people in our lives,” he said.

Over the next two years, McDew’s goal is to continue taking care of the people here and provide them with the best training possible.

“My role is to try and keep it going,” he said. “McChord already has a great track record, an excellent reputation and a great ‘can-do’ spirit. I want to be part of the team.”

## Travelers be informed: Hotels can burn down too

By Staff Sgt. SEAN NICHOLS  
McChord Fire Department



Would you know what to do if there was a fire in your hotel?

The following is a guide for what to do if there is a fire in a hotel you’re in.

### All hotel guests should:

◆ Know the location of the nearest fire alarm, know how to use it, and be familiar with the sound it makes.

◆ Learn the location of two exits from your hotel room.

◆ Always attempt to leave your room, even if this is the third alarm of the night and the last two have been false alarms. The last one may be the real thing.

◆ Check to see if the fire department’s emergency phone number is on or near the telephone. If not contact the front desk or check the directory to see what the number is before an emergency arises.

◆ Count the doors between your room and the exit. During a fire, you may have to escape in the dark.

◆ Be sure that the front desk knows if you have any temporary or permanent disability that could delay your escape. Work with him or her to ensure that there are established procedures to protect you in a fire.

### If a fire is discovered:

◆ Sound the alarm and call the fire department, even if the fire appears small.

◆ Leave quickly, closing doors as you go to contain fire and smoke.

◆ If you encounter smoke or flame during your escape, use another exit.

◆ Since heat and smoke rise, cleaner and cooler air will be near the floor. If you must exit through smoke, crawl on your hands and knees to-

ward your exit, keeping your head one to two feet above the floor.

◆ Test doors before you open them. Kneel at the door; reach up as high as you can and touch the door, the doorknob, and the space between the door and its frame with the back of your hand. If the door is warm, use another escape route. If the door is cool, open it slowly and be prepared to shut it if smoke or heat rushes in.

◆ Follow the directions of fire and security personnel. Once outside, move away from the building, out of the way of firefighters, and stay out until the fire department says you may go back in.

If you cannot escape safely, or if you’re instructed to stay where you are, be calm and protect yourself.

◆ If possible, go to a room with an outside window and a telephone, closing all doors between you and the fire.

◆ Use duct tape or seal the crack around the door with towels, rags, or bedding and cover vents to keep the smoke out of the room.

◆ If there’s a telephone in the room where you’re trapped, call the fire department’s emergency number and tell them exactly where you are. Do this even if you can see fire trucks from your window.

◆ Wait at a window and signal for help with a flashlight beam, if you have one, or by waving a sheet or other light-colored cloth.

◆ If possible, open the window at the top and bottom to allow fresh air in, but close it quickly if smoke from the outside comes in. Do not break the window.

If you have any questions on escaping from a hotel room please call the McChord Fire Prevention Office at 984-9017 or 984-9050.



# Lighthouse supplies base’s needs

By Staff Sgt. A.C. EGGMAN  
62nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

If you haven’t noticed in the past two months, a newer, improved version of the base supply store is open and fully operational.

The “McChord Express” opened its doors June 1 under new management of the Seattle Lighthouse for the Blind.

“It’s a wonderful program,” said Paul Kelley, director of government and commercial sales for the Seattle LHB. “It’s a wonderful opportunity to serve the military and help employ visually-impaired people.”

The Seattle company was created in 1918 and currently has 370 employees. Four of those employees help operate the McChord Express. The company makes numerous products for the federal government.

“We make all the canteens for the military, and all are made in Seattle,” said Kelley. “We also make more than 12,000 aircraft parts for Boeing.”

There are more than 80 “Express” stores across the military, said Kelley. Seattle operates three stores, including the Fort Lewis Express. The McChord Express may look similar and operate out of the same space as the old base supply store in building 576, but there are several distinctions and improvements, Kelley said.

“The main difference is it’s not a major drain on the base’s resources,” he said. “It doesn’t cost the Department of Defense anything. The inventory is ours. The



Daniel Thompson

Valarie Taylor checks the price on an item in the McChord Express store.

employees are ours. Before it was government inventory with government employees.”

In the past, base members would have to accept whatever was on the shelves and if the store didn’t carry an essential item, they would have to go through a long process to get it, explained Kelley.

Those days are in the past now, said the director.

The McChord store carries all kinds of office and janitorial supplies and hardware. The store stocks many other items as well.

“Don’t worry, if you can’t find something on the shelves, just ask us,” said Kelley. “We can get you just about anything you want. If it’s a special order item — come over.

We’ll help you research it and order it for you.”

The company is trying to run the store like an Office Depot or Staples. “If an item isn’t moving, or we know it’s not going to move, we mark it down. You couldn’t do that with the base supply store.”

The company doesn’t charge taxes and makes very little profit. What little it does earn goes back into the Seattle LHB program. Seattle holds the contract to operate the McChord Express for five years, but doesn’t want people to think of them as contractors.

“We really here to help the unit meet their mission,” said Kelley. “We don’t want to be looked at as a contractor — we’re a part of the base.”

## Staffs, techs can shorten learning gaps with NCOPD

### What is it?

It is a four-day leadership development course targeted at staff and technical sergeants who have had a gap of four years or more since their last Professional Military Education.

This course has no tests or evaluations, just four days to refresh and enhance your supervisory and management skills in an interactive environment.

Some of the subjects discussed include: Benefits and Entitlements, Counseling, NCO Responsibilities, Mentoring, and Maintaining Discipline.

### Why should you go?

Some reasons may be that you want to give your best to your troops, or you want to be the supervisor your airmen will remember for being a true professional, or you want to take advantage of an opportunity to interact with other NCO’s dealing with the same problems you are, as well as get the sage advice of some of the best senior NCOs in the Air Force., or you need a break from the grind.

Whatever the reason you come, you will benefit from this seminar!

Ask those who have already attended — the comments are overwhelmingly positive.

### How do I sign up?

Simply contact your First Sergeant and say, “I want to go to NCOPD.” They’ll take it from there.

# New GPS satellite added to constellation

By RONEA ALGER  
Space and Missile Systems Center Public Affairs

LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — The Air Force has successfully launched its fourth Global Positioning System replenishment satellite (GPS IIR) on a Delta II rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Station, Fla. This spacecraft will join 27 other satellites in the GPS constellation.

“This launch is to increase global coverage and improve overall constellation health,” said Col. Douglas Loverro, system program director, NAVSTAR GPS joint program office. “In such a mission, the satellite is placed into a desired plane based upon analyses, which determines which plane most likely contains a satellite or satellites which are nearing their end-of-life. This strategy allows us to fully utilize the unexpended life of satellites in all planes without risking coverage gaps if older birds

should fail.

The Global Positioning System allows any user equipped with a GPS receiver to determine velocity and worldwide position-latitude, longitude and altitude-within a few meters.

Both position data and velocity are given at a precise reference time.

Although originally designed as a guidance and navigational tool for the military, GPS has proven beneficial in the fields of transportation, surveying, search and rescue operations and has created a tremendous demand in new commercial and civil markets.

“*The new capabilities include additional military and civilian signals, increased signal power and the ability to reprogram spacecraft signals and power while on orbit.*”

Col. Douglas Loverro

“The GPS IIR satellites are compatible with the current system but offer improved performance,” said Jerry Heydinger, program manager GPS space systems.

“Increased navigation accuracy and longer autonomous satellite operation without ground control corrections will improve service for the Air Force customer and other users.”

In recent GPS IIR news, the president’s 2001 budget request, unveiled earlier this year, builds in plans to accelerate GPS modernization.

The budget, if approved by Congress, will allow GPS to provide improved capabilities sought by military

and civilian users of the navigation system much sooner than previously envisioned.

“The new capabilities include additional military and civilian signals, increased signal power and the ability to reprogram spacecraft signals and power while on orbit,” said Loverro. “These improvements will provide for better resistance to enemy jamming and improved accuracy.”

According to Heydinger, the government will launch 16 more GPS IIR satellites, built by Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company, Valley Forge, Pa., over the next five years.

This most recent launch was the 36th success in a row for the Delta II since 1997. The Delta program office has been responsible for launching all the GPS satellites except the earlier Block I GPS satellites, which were lofted into space by refurbished Atlas ICBMs.

Courtesy of Air Force Print News

## Chapel offers program for women featuring Cynthia Tobias

If a woman were to choose one program to attend this year, the Cynthia Tobias program should be a contender for her first choice, according to the McChord Base Chapel.

The chapel is sponsoring two different opportunities to hear this sought after speaker Aug. 18 on base.

The content of both seminars will have common themes, but some of the subject matter will differ, so you may attend both. The first event will be a “Women’s One Dollar Luncheon” at the Rainier room in the Northwest Connection from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. To help with meal planning, reservations are required by Wednesday.

For people who are unable to attend the lunch,

an evening program, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with hors d’oeuvres, will be held at the Chapel Support Center.

Cynthia Tobias is an authority on parent and child relationships and communications in the home and work place — she is also a leading role model for women.

She is not only a nationally sought speaker, author, recognized educator, but is founder and CEO of her own company as well as being a wife and a mother. Her life shows how a woman can accomplish many tasks and keep balance at the same time. Learning styles and how they apply to the home and work place, and “You can’t make me, but I can be persuaded” will be presented at both forums.

“The reason for a Women’s Program is not to exclude men, but to focus on the women of our community, to meet their unique needs, and to ask ‘What can we do to positively touch the lives of women?,’” said Lt. Col. Jim Cutter, wing chaplain.

The Chapel has programs for both Protestant and Catholic women and is looking for ways to increase those programs effectiveness.

“We in the Chapel are concerned and are seeking ways to reach out and make a difference in the lives of military members and dependents of each gender and age group on our base,” said Cutter.

This program is just one of those efforts.

For more information and reservations, call the Chapel at 984-5556 or 984-8618.



# Briefs

## Military

### Gulf War Illness team visit

The Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses team will visit McChord next week to provide critical information and respond to the needs and concerns of Gulf War veterans and their families. The outreach team will hold briefings at the base theater for all 62nd Airlift Wing personnel Aug. 15 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Families are also encouraged to attend. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Dave Wilson at 984-5637.

### 62nd CPTS Change of Command

Everyone is invited to attend the 62nd Comptroller Squadron's change of command ceremony where Lt. Col. John Singsaas will relinquish command to Maj. Danny Watson. The ceremony will be held in the Northwest Connection Ballroom today at 1 p.m. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony. Uniform is uniform of the day. Please RSVP by Monday at 984-3852.

### Household Goods office hours change

The new office hours for the Transportation Management Office Household Goods personal property section has changed to Mon. - Thurs. 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. On the second Tuesday of each month, the hours will be 7:30 a.m. to noon. Fridays hours are 7:30 a.m. to noon. For assistance during other hours, call 253-967-9125.

### ALS seeking instructors

Accepting applications for two instructor positions at the Julius A. Kolb Airman Leadership School. The position is open to staff sergeants and selects who possess an associate's degree. Reporting dates for both positions will be in the November/December timeframe. Those interested should submit a special duty assignment application package to 62nd MSS/DPN as soon as possible. For more information on constructing a package see the SPECAT requirements guide at the Military Personnel Flight, or call Master Sgt. Steve Halstead at 984-6511, or stop by the school.

### Farewell for base top cop

The Men and Women of the 62nd Security Forces Squadron would like to invite all base members to a farewell barbecue for Maj. John Probst Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at Holiday Park. The cost is \$6 for officers, \$5 for senior noncommissioned officers, \$4 for NCOs, \$2 for airmen. Please RSVP by today to Master Sgt. Mike Shea at 984-3513. Money will be collected at the door.

### Professional loadmasters to meet

Professional Loadmaster Association will meet Saturday for breakfast a 8 a.m. at the Northwest Connection. If you're not interested in attending the breakfast, the regular meeting will start at 9 a.m. Members are encouraged to attend and bring prospective members along. Membership is open to all active duty, retired, Reserve, Guard, or civilian Loadmasters. Questions may be directed to retired Senior Master Sgt. Harold Edvalds at 253-537-8996.

### Medical information at fingertips

Are you looking for information about available medical services here at McChord? Do you need TRICARE informa-

tion or would you like to know who your Primary Care Manager is? Do you need a phone number to the Medical Group or do you want to know what your rights and responsibilities are as a patient? Are you sponsoring a newcomer who might be interested in knowing what we have available for their family? Visit us on the web at [www.mcchord.af.mil/private/med/](http://www.mcchord.af.mil/private/med/) and get the information you're looking for.

## Family

### Madigan Health Fair

The Madigan Army Medical Center Retiree Health Fair will be held Aug. 18 beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the American Lake Club on North Fort Lewis. For more information call Maj. Sherry Baker at 968-4382.

### Celebration of women

Come to Holiday Park Aug. 24 to celebrate a Women's Equality Day beginning at 11 a.m. with Tacoma Fire Chief Eileen Lewis speaking and Lynn Hammond, McChord Red Cross, will be the afternoon speaker beginning 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for \$4 a plate. The lunch includes hamburger, hot dog, or chicken patty with potato salad, chips, soda and cookie. The event is sponsored by the Federal Women's Committee. Call Charlotte Smith, 984-5085, to make reservations for one or both of the free seminars, or call Carol Kneip 984-5626, to get lunch tickets. There will be door prizes and an ATWIND ticket for all people in attendance.

### School physicals scheduled for August

The 62nd Medical Group will be offering school physicals today and Aug. 16, and 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. The physicals are for youth under 18 years old. All youths must be accompanied by an adult and bring their shot records and school/sports physical form. Make appointments soon.

### Family Support Center offers TAP workshop

More opportunities to attend the three-day Transition Assistance Program workshop are now available. There will be an additional class each month from now until October. This program, provided by the Department of Labor, will cover job search techniques, VA information and other important topics to get people ready for the civilian job market. Civilian dress is encouraged. Military, DOD civilians and their spouses are welcome. The suggested time frames to attend this workshop are: one year from separation or two years from retirement. The workshops are held at the Education Center, building 851. To sign up, call 984-2695.

### Career Focus

The Family Support Center's Career Focus Program, in conjunction with Air Force Aid Society and Clover Park Technical College, will again be offering Air Force spouses of E-1 - E-6, a 50% tuition grant and loan. There will be a registration and information workshop on this education opportunity Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Family Support Center classroom, building 551. No sign up is needed. Just stop by anytime during the two hours and talk with the Clover Park representative. If you have questions, please contact

Judy Franklin at 512-4031

### Chapel seeks Protestant youth worker

The Protestant Chapel community is looking for a highly motivated, qualified and experienced individual to direct the Protestant Chapel Youth program. The person will be required to develop and lead youth programs for both Junior and Senior High school students. For more information, call Chaplain Swanson at 984-5556 or 984-8198.

### Scalds cause most burns

Scalds are the No. 1 cause world-wide of burns each year. Hot liquids scald more people than are burned by fire, electricity and caustic chemicals combined. Children and the elderly are the most likely scald victims. Everyone can fight back by turning down hot water heaters to below 130 F, and by keeping children under constant supervision in the tub. If a scald does occur, treat the burn with cold water to drain away residual heat. If the skin is blistered or charred, seek emergency medical attention quickly.

For more information, contact the McChord Fire Department at 984-9050.

## Education

### Diploma, GED opportunity

Would you like to get your GED or obtain your High School diploma? The Family Advocacy Program is interested in starting a program to help Air Force Family members get their GED or High School diploma. If you are interested in participating, contact Percy Moody at 984-3684 no later than today.

### Beginner computer classes for spouses

The Family Support Center will again be offering free computer training for Air Force spouses Sept. 11 to Oct. 4, on Monday and Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. The class teaches the very basics of computers. For more information or to sign-up call Judy Franklin at 984-2695.

### CCAF deadline

The Community College of the Air Force cut-off for the Fall 2000 graduation is Aug. 25. Applicants must ensure all documentation is updated at Maxwell AFB, Ala. If you have completed all requirements for your CCAF degree, please contact Dr. Mica Wells at 984-5026 or come by Education Services in building 851 to ensure your documentation is complete for degree nomination.

## PRP Fact

The Personnel Reliability Program continues to be McChord's No. 1 priority. The Joint Nuclear Surety Inspection team arrives Aug. 16 to let the wing know how their program is doing. The 62nd Mission Support Squadron's PRP program managers appreciate McChord's continuing support in this vital Team McChord program. The PRP managers are Staff Sgt. Bernice Zollner at 984-8781 and Staff Sgt. Keri Vazquez at 984-3745, feel free to contact them with questions or concerns.



# People

Pilot for a day

# 7th AS turning flyers at record pace

By Staff Sgt. LORI L. NOLL  
62nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office

Once again, members of the 7th Airlift Squadron brought a little extra happiness into a child's life.

Timmy LaGrandeur, a 10-year-old resident of the Ronald McDonald House, got the chance to be a pilot for a day here Monday.

The young boy was diagnosed with synovial sarcoma, a tumor in his elbow, in March, and currently receives treatment at the Children's Hospital.

When Timmy's mother, Marie, heard about the McChord program she just knew that he would be "thrilled" to be part of it, she said.

"He loves military airplanes. The bombers and fighters - anything that has to do with military aircraft," said Marie. "When I mentioned it to him he was so excited. He kept asking how soon we could go."

The Pilot For A Day program was designed to create a special day for children who receive long-term care from the Children's Hospital and reside at the Ronald McDonald House.

Members of the 7th AS started the program in November and have continued it on a monthly basis.

Timmy, his mother, and sister Emmy came out to the base Monday afternoon to meet up with Capt. Ken Greenstreet, a pilot from the 7th AS. Greenstreet volunteered to be their escort for the afternoon.

"It made me feel real good to be able to do this," said Greenstreet.

Members of the 7th AS presented Timmy with his own "official" orders, a flight suit with his name on it, a squadron coin, a scarf, T-shirt, and a flight bag signed by members of the squadron.

After he got into his flight suit, Timmy was taken to the C-17 flight simulator for an hour of "flying."

"He really liked the barrel roles," said Greenstreet. "He's actually a pretty good pilot."



Daniel Thompson

**10-year-old Timmy LaGrandeur became McChord's newest pilot Monday. Part of his "training" included an hour of flight time in the simulator with co-pilot Capt. Ken Greenstreet.**

Timmy was a little nervous at first, said his mom. "He thought it would be a lot harder than it was. But, he had so much fun; he didn't want it to end."

After the simulator, Greenstreet took the family over to the in-flight kitchen to order box lunches.

"He was crazy about the lunches," said Marie. "The simulator and the lunches - those were his favorite parts of the day."

As far as Timmy's cancer goes, Marie said things are going very well. After 12 weeks of chemotherapy to shrink the tumor, doctors removed it July 21. He's still getting the chemo and is scheduled to start radiation treatments.

"The surgery was the hardest part to get

through," said Marie. "But we made it. He's going to physical therapy now. The doctors say all the cancer is gone."

During the surgery doctors had to cut a lot of muscle, said his mother. Timmy lost some radial and motor movement in his right arm and now he is working hard to get it back.

"He hasn't complained one bit since the whole thing started," she said. "In fact, sometimes we have to remind him to take it easy because he forgets what he's dealing with."

Marie doesn't know when they will return to their Snoquamish home - she said she hasn't really thought about things that far in advance. They're taking it slow, one day at a time.



# Gulf War

## Crisis in the sand

# Educating, serving 10 years later

By Tech. Sgt. TONYA L. KEEBAUGH  
Northwest Airlifter editor

It's hard to believe, but Iraq invaded Kuwait 10 years ago as of Aug. 2. Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney visited Saudi Arabia Aug. 6, 1990. He took along troops from the 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, N.C., and some serious Air Force fire power, and the rest is history.

The war proved beyond any doubt that air power and air superiority are key in turning the tides of a battle in one direction or another. The Allied forces established both quickly, and the ground war raged for only 100 hours.

The goal of the war was to extract Iraqi troops from Kuwait and to protect Iraq's neighbors from the threats of the tyrant, Saddam Hussien.

So far, that mission has been accomplished but not easily, and not without a lot of sacrifices from American airmen, soldiers, sailors and Marines.

America is committed to ensuring that Iraq complies with the United Nation Security Council resolutions and mandates set forth in 1991. The enforcement of the no-fly-zones has had a steady and significant effect in limiting Iraq's ability to repress its own people or threaten its neighbors.

The following is a chronological reminder or what was happening a decade ago:

**July 17, 1990**

Hussein accuses Kuwait of oil overproduction and theft of oil from the Rumailia Oil Field.

**July 25, 1990**

U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, April Glaspie, tells Hussien that the Iraq/Kuwait dispute is an Arab matter, not one that affects the United States.

**Aug. 2, 1990**

Hussein invades Kuwait. President George Bush freezes Iraqi and Kuwatti assets. The United Nations calls on Hussien to withdraw.

**Aug. 6, 1990**

Economic sanctions are authorized.

**Aug. 7, 1990**

Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney visits Saudi Arabia. The 82nd Airborne and sev-

eral fighter squadrons are dispatched.

**Aug. 8, 1990**

Iraq annexes Kuwait.

**Aug. 9, 1990**

The U.N. declares Iraq's annexation invalid.

**Aug. 12, 1990**

The U.S. announces interdiction program of Iraqi shipping.

**Aug. 22, 1990**

Bush authorizes call up of reserves.

**Aug. 25, 1990**

Military interdiction authorized by the U.N.

**Sept. 14, 1990**

Iraqi forces storm a number of diplomatic missions in Kuwait City.

**Nov. 8, 1990**

Bush orders additional deployments to give "offensive option" to U.S. forces.

**Nov. 22, 1990**

Bush visits the troops for Thanksgiving.

**Nov. 29, 1990**

U.N. Security Council authorizes force if Iraq doesn't withdraw from Kuwait by midnight EST Jan. 15.

**Nov. 30, 1990**

Bush invites Tariq Aziz to Washington and offers to send Secretary of State James Baker to Baghdad.

**Jan. 9, 1991**

Baker and Aziz meet in Geneva. The meeting lasts six hours, but produces no results.

**Jan. 12, 1991**

Congress votes to allow for U.S. troops to be used in offensive operations.

**Jan. 15, 1991**

The deadline set by the U.N. Resolution 678 for Iraq to withdraw.

**Jan. 16, 1991**

First U.S. government statement of Operation Desert Storm made.

Marlin Fitzwater announces, "The liberation of Kuwait has begun."

U.S. warplanes attack Baghdad, Kuwait

and other military targets in Iraq.

**Jan. 17, 1991**

Iraq launches first SCUD Missile attack.

**Jan. 30, 1991**

U.S. forces in the Gulf exceed 500,000.

**Feb. 6, 1991**

Jordan King Hussein lashes out against American bombardments and supports Iraq.

**Feb. 13, 1991**

U.S. Bombers destroy a bunker complex in Baghdad with several hundred citizens inside. Nearly 300 die.

**Feb. 17, 1991**

Aziz travels to Moscow to discuss possible negotiated end to the war.

**Feb. 22, 1991**

Bush issues an ultimatum of Feb. 23 for Iraqi troops to withdraw from Kuwait.

**Feb. 23, 1991**

Ground war begins with Marines, Army and Arab forces moving into Iraq and Kuwait.

**Feb. 25, 1991**

Iraqi SCUD missile hits a U.S. barracks in Saudi Arabia killing 27.

**Feb. 26, 1991**

Kuwaiti resistance leaders declare they are in control of Kuwait City.

**Feb. 27, 1991**

Bush orders a cease fire effective at midnight Kuwaiti time.

**Mar. 3, 1991**

Iraqi leaders formally accept cease fire terms.

**Mar. 4, 1991**

Ten Allied Prisoners of war freed.

**Mar. 5, 1991**

Thirty-five more POWs released

**Mar. 8, 1991**

First U.S. combat forces return home.

U.S. pilots have flown more than 248,000 sorties since the end of Operation Desert Storm. Which means troops have been on the grounds of



Southwest Asia, not just during the war, but also in the 10 years following.

All American servicemembers have been affected by the U.S. commitment to Southwest Asia, directly or indirectly. And because of concerns raised by many deployed or deploying personnel, the Department of Defense created the Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses team.

The team has established an outreach program to travel to various bases across the United States, and McChord, Fort Lewis and Naval Station Bremerton are next on the list.

The outreach program was initiated by Bernard Rostker, special assistant, in 1998.

They will be here Aug. 15 to provide mass briefings and answer questions at the Base Theater. Families are also encouraged to attend.

Briefing topics include investigation results on reported chemical or biological warfare events and potential environmental exposures, DoD's force health protection efforts, and resources available to Gulf War veterans and their families.

For more information of their visit, call 2nd Lt. David Wilson at 984-5637.

## Gulf illnesses team briefings

**McChord:**

**Aug. 15** – Base Theater – 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. for general audience

**Fort Lewis:**

**Aug. 15** – Carey Theater – 1 p.m. for Gulf War veterans and family members

**Aug. 17** – Carey Theater – 1 p.m. for Gulf War veterans and family members

**Aug. 17** – Letterman Auditorium, Madigan Army Medical Center – Town Hall Meeting open to general audience



# Salutes

## McChord People Profiles

### Staff Sgt. Bernice Zollner

**Unit:** 62nd Mission Support Squadron  
**Duty Title:** Base Personnel Reliability Program Manager  
**Hometown:** Great Falls, Montana  
**Time at McChord:** 1 year, 5 months  
**Time in the Air Force:** 9 years, 3 months  
**Short-term goals:** Do well on upcoming inspection  
**Long-term goals:** Complete my degree in Psychology, go overseas and retire



Daniel Thompson

*“One of the greatest challenges in my job is learning to be flexible while adhering to directives.”*

Staff Sgt. Bernice Zollner

The personnel reliability program is one of McChord's No. 1 issues. The gravity of the program and the consequences that can come with not adhering to directives can impact the national security of the United States. Being the Base personnel reliability program manager is a lot of responsibility. It requires a great deal of diplomacy and attention to detail. It means that I am expected to be able to answer a variety of questions regarding the program. Often the answers are not simple, and require judgement calls and coordination at

various Air Force levels. I am here to help the wing commander and group and squadron commanders make decisions that are in compliance with the intentions of PRP. It is a program that many seasoned Air Force personnel may have been involved with at previous assignments, and one that is alive and well here at McChord. One of the greatest challenges in my job is learning to be flexible while adhering to directives. I enjoy working with all the people associated with the program, and I enjoy being able

to get out around the base to see how other units are handling their responsibilities regarding PRP. Although the PRP is a small portion of the personnel career field, the things I have learned while in this job will continue to serve me well throughout the rest of my Air Force career. My hope is that the Joint Nuclear Surety Inspection report will reflect all the hard work and attention that all the units have paid to this program. Good Luck on the JNSI, Team McChord!